

Employment Policy for the youth

2370. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of unemployed youths in the rural and urban areas of the country as on 30th November, 2006;
- (b) whether Government have formulated any employment policy in the matter;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial National Sample Surveys carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). Last such survey, for which results have been published, relates to the year 2004-05. State-wise estimate of unemployment rates for youth (15 to 29 years) as per usual status approach are given in the Statement.

[Refer to Statement appended to the Answer to unstarred Question No. 2369 (a)]

(b) to (d) The generation of employment was viewed as a part of the process of development and not as a conflict with, or to be pursued independently of economic development. Planning process, therefore, made no attempt to have an independent employment policy.

Restructuring of E.S.I, in Chhattisgarh

†2371. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a proposal for restructuring of Regional Board of Employees State Insurance in Chhattisgarh has been received; if so, the status thereof;
- (b) whether there is any provision to provide dispensary facilities to

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labourers from Employees States Insurance Services; and

(c) if so, the details with reference to Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The Government of Chhattisgarh submitted a proposal for constitution of Regional Board. However, certain clarifications have been sought from the Government of Chhattisgarh by the ESI Corporation.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Medical facilities are being provided to ESI beneficiaries through a network of 11 dispensaries in the State of Chhattisgarh. The details of the dispensaries in the State as under:

(i) Raipur	—	4
(ii) Rajnandgaon	—	1
(iii) Durg	—	3
(iv) Bilaspur	—	1
(v) Janjgir—Champa	—	1
(vi) Raigarh	—	1

The ESI Corporation has also sanctioned a diagnostic centre at Raipur at cost of Rs. 74.5 lakhs.

Unemployment in the country

†2372. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 42 per cent of the population in the country is getting employment, despite the annual growth rate of 8 per cent in the country;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard; and

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